

# Fact Sheet

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## 66<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade

**BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS:** Wiesbaden, Germany

**DESCRIPTION:** The **66th Military Intelligence Brigade**, or "Dagger Brigade," conducts theater-level multi-discipline (SIGINT, CI, HUMINT, GEOINT, MASINT) and all-source intelligence to include collection, analysis, production and dissemination; provides advanced skills training and linguist support, and, when directed, deploys tailored expeditionary forces in support of Unified Land Operations for U.S. Army Europe, U.S. European Command, and other combatant commands.

### **MAJOR SUBORDINATE UNITS:**

- 2nd MI Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany 24th MI Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany

### **MISSION ESSENTIAL TASK LIST**

- Conduct Mission Command
- Provide Intelligence Support to Force Generation
- Support to Situational Understanding
- Counter the Threat



**HISTORY:** The unit's history dates to 1944 when it was formed as the 66th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Its first mission was screening German refugees in France during World War II. The 66th was on continuous assignment in France and Germany until the end of the war. In 1959, the 66th CIC Group assumed responsibility for all MI operations in southern Germany. It took on other intelligence disciplines other than counterintelligence, and was re-designated the 66th Military Intelligence Group. In 1968, the unit relocated to Munich to support intelligence operations that were now expanded to include all of Germany. In 1977, the 66th MI Group was reassigned to support the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, and was renamed the 66th MI Brigade. In 1992 the group's headquarters moved to Augsburg, Germany. In summer 1995, a drawdown coupled with treaty restrictions resulted in the inactivation of the 66th MI Brigade. It was replaced by the 66th MI Group and eventually relocated to Darmstadt, Germany, due to realignment and base closures.

In 2002, the 105th MI Battalion (Provisional) was added to the Group organization and the 533rd MI Battalion was deactivated. The 2nd MI Battalion was reactivated 17 October 2002 in Darmstadt, Germany. The 109th MI Battalion (Provisional) at Menwith Hill Station, England, was assigned in 2002 and was re-designated the 307th MI Battalion in 2008. On 15 September 2005, the 323rd MI Battalion (US Army Reserve) at Fort Meade, Maryland, was aligned with the Group. In late 2006, the 1st MI Battalion (Aerial Exploitation) was assigned to INSCOM and then permanently attached to the 66th MI Group. With the deactivation of the 205th MI Brigade, the 302nd MI Battalion was assigned to the Group in January 2008. In July 2008, the 66th MI Group was re-designated as the 66th MI Brigade and in September of that year, the Brigade moved from Darmstadt to Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany. In 2009, the Brigade saw further transformation as the 307th MI Battalion was re-designated the 709th MI Battalion, 302nd MI Battalion was inactivated, and the 24th MI Battalion was activated. Soldiers of the 66th MI Brigade have made long lasting contributions during World War II, the Cold War, Operation Desert Storm, the Balkans, and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

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